



## Study Island at Arbor Heights

Study Island is a fun, internet-based program which can be used anywhere that internet access is available. This program has been purchased by the Arbor Heights PTA this year for all children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Study Island directly covers all of the subjects in the Washington State standards upon which the state MSP (Measurement of Student Progress) Test is based. It presents questions which are similar to those found in the MSP and MAP tests and does an excellent job of preparing students for those tests.

Using Study Island is easy. 1. **Go to** [\\*\\*http://www.studyisland.com\\*\\*](http://www.studyisland.com) 2. Login using your child's assigned login name and password. (normally your child's first name plus the first letter of their last name, plus ".ah"). So for "John Blake", the **login and password** would be simply "johnb.ah". Or, contact Franklin Hu for your username and password. 3. Select **grade level** on the left hand side. 4. Select **Math or Reading** and then select a **topic**. 5. Select **test mode (just questions) or play a game** (kids like the game reward) 6. Answer questions. If you get at least 7 out of 10 questions correctly, you earn a blue ribbon! You can go back and retake sections where a ribbon was not earned and there are lessons that can be previewed prior to testing or retesting. If your child is able to earn a blue ribbon in each of the 50 topic areas in Study Island, they should do well on the MSP. If we are able to get a high participation rate and complete the program this year, we could see an increase in our pass rates.

### Strategies for use:

- \*Set aside a regular time for Study Island and have them spend a half hour or earn a blue ribbon in any topic - whichever comes first.
- \*Use Study Island to balance out other screen time so that every half hour spent on Study Island earns an equal amount of time for computer games or TV.
- \*Offer a special activity or some small reward blue ribbons.
- \*The blue ribbon means that they have mastered that test subject.
- \*Keep them moving to different topics.
- \*Keep it fun!

If you don't have internet access at home, you can visit your public library which offers free internet access. You might also visit a classmate, neighbor or friend who has internet access. The power of Study Island is that it can be a home-driven learning tool which can be used to enhance your child's learning. Start at the top and encourage your child to work their way down the list of topics until they have tried every topic at least once. If your child did not score as highly as you expected on the MSP test last year, please take advantage of Study Island. This is one area where parents may directly help their children raise the test scores at Arbor Heights, by filling in the gaps between district curriculum and state standards. No matter how you feel about this testing, it is important that our children have mastery over the topics covered in the Washington State standards in order to do well in their future grades.

Please note: Study Island is being administered by Arbor Heights Parent/PTA member Franklin Hu, who has access to the performance and scores of all children who participate in the program. Questions about Study Island, please email [franklinhu@yahoo.com](mailto:franklinhu@yahoo.com). You may also call the Study Island help line at 800-419-3191 or email [support@studyisland.com](mailto:support@studyisland.com).